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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 237\***

**House Bill No. 697**

by deleting in its entirety all the language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 25, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a)(1) Any individual, franchise, blanket or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, health maintenance organization, or managed care organization which provides coverage for mastectomy surgery shall provide coverage for all stages of reconstructive breast surgery on the diseased breast as a result of a mastectomy, but not including a lumpectomy, as well as any surgical procedure on the non-diseased breast deemed necessary to establish symmetry between the two breasts in the manner chosen by the patient and physician. The surgical procedure performed on a nondiseased breast to establish symmetry with the diseased breast must occur within three (3) years of the date the reconstructive breast surgery was performed on a diseased breast.

(2) Coverage for reconstructive breast surgery shall be subject to applicable copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.

(b) This section applies to any policy, plan, or contract entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 1997.

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(c) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as applying to medical assistance programs funded with state and federal funds if such programs require the provision of services as medically necessary.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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